ലംവൈകിക്കുകയില്ലെന്ന വിശ്വസിപ്പിക്കാൻ പ്രയത്നത്തെഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, the Anchal Department has been coming off and on for a certain amount of criticism in this Council. The question whether stamps should be manufactured here or not; the question whether anchal services cannot be entrusted to bus owners; the question whether anchal offices cannot be opened without guarantees from the local people; the question whether more additional anchalmen should not be appointed—all these points have often been raised in this House. Coming to the instance in hand, I might say at the outset that the policy of this department has always been to watch that the expenditure is always met by the revenues of the year. It is the particular policy that has been referred to by the Member for Vyttila. If new Anchal Office is to be opened, the general revenues cannot bear any loss on its account; for, the institution is intended to serve the people of the locality and in fairness therefore the loss, if any, should also be borne by them. Acting on that principle, in this case also I regret that the Government cannot, accept the resolution as it stands. Because, out of the 62 Anchal Offices that exist within the State though a good number do serve their clients within the prescribed two days, there are a few others which, for want of sufficient work, do not make arrangements for delivery within the prescribed two days. To cover such cases, if we accept the resolution, we have to appoint not less than 36 or 40 more anchalmen; and the cost on account of this additional staff will not be met by the increase in correspondence or by any other corresponding increase in the revenue on account of the additional facilities made available for the people of these places. Therefore, consistent with the policy referred to above, the Government regret they cannot accept the resolution as it stands.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Is not the department working at a profit?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is. The accepted policy is to allow it to expand only so much as the expenditure would be met by the corresponding increase of the revenue.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—I wanted simply to point out to the Government the disirability of entertaining some more additional hands. Sir, with the permission of the Council I beg to withdraw the motion.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Concluding remarks by the President.

President.—Before adjourning the Council, I should like to thank the Hon'ble Members of all sections for the support

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which they have given the Chair. Speaking for myself personally, that support has converted what might have been an onerous duty into a pleasant task. It has enabled the Council to get through its business with despatch and to debate various resolutions with their eloquence, force and dignity befitting this Council.

We shall now adjourn.

The House was then adjourned at 2' to 5 p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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